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I welcome Chairman Khrushchev's statesmanlike

decision to stop building bases in Cuba, dismantling the equipment

and sending it back home under UN supervision. This is an

important and constructive contribution to peace. I repeat my

contented in my letter of yesterday that the United States will not invade Cuba since the
States desire peace in the Caribbean]

necessity for military action would disappear with the removal

of offensive weapons.

We shall be in touch with the Secretary General of the

United Nations with respect to reciprocal measures to assure

peace in the Caribbean area.

It is my earnest hope that the governments of the world

can, with a solution of the Cuban crisis, turn their urgent

attention to the compelling necessity for ending the arms race

and reducing world tensions. This applies to the military

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confrontation between the Warsaw Pact and NATO countries
as well as to other situations in other parts of the world where
tensions lead to the diversion of resources to weapons of war.